

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The present application has been carefully reviewed in light of the July 26, 2004 Office Action. In that Office Action, claims 6-9, 11, 17 and 19 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if re-written in independent form, including all of the limitations of the base claims and any intervening claims.

In response, Applicant has amended claim 1 to incorporate the recitations of claim 6, and thus it is in condition for allowance. Claims 2-5 and 7-14, which depend from claim 1 are also in condition for allowance.

Claims 15-20 have been cancelled.

New independent claim 21 is a combination of original claim 1 and objected to dependent claim 8. Thus, this claim, and its dependent claims 22-33 are also in condition for allowance.

New independent claim 34 is a combination of original claim 1 and objected to dependent claim 11. Thus, this claim, as well as its dependents (35-46) are also in condition for allowance.

In light of the foregoing amendments, Applicant respectfully asserts that all currently pending claims, 1-5, 7-14 and 21-46 are in condition for allowance, notice of which is hereby respectfully requested.

Applicant submits herewith a one-month extension of time, with appropriate fee.

Respectfully submitted,


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